

### **COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**

VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM MAY-SEPTEMBER 2020 WEBEX

#### **ELECTRICITY SYSTEM**





# I. **DELIVERY:** THE WIRES THAT GET POWER TO YOU

- The utility manages the delivery portion
- For Andover, National Grid is the utility



2. **SUPPLY:** THE ACTUAL ELECTRICITY

- National grid provides supply by default, called Basic Service (R-1, R-2 G-1)
- Customers can choose their own supplier and leave Basic Service at any time
- Most residential and small business accounts are still on basic service, while most large commercial accounts have chosen their own supplier

Courtesy of MAPC





## STILL RECEIVE A SINGLE BILL, WITH SLIGHT CHANGES

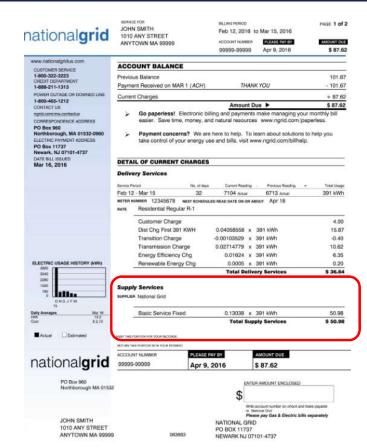


### I. DELIVERY: NATIONAL GRID



### 2. SUPPLY: SUPPLIER CHOSEN BY TOWN

NOTE: SUPPLIER'S NAME IS LISTED ALONG WITH MUNICIPALITY

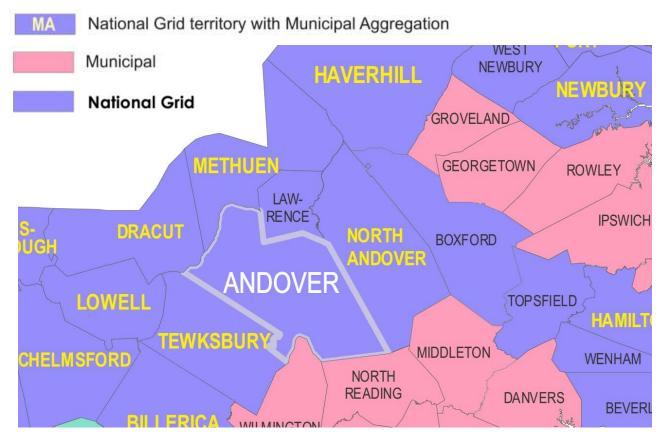


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#### WHERE IS AGGREGATION HAPPENING?



According to a
March 2018 report
from the Mass
Energy Consumers
Alliance, there are
about 145 cities
and towns in MA
with an aggregation
in place or in process



Map downloaded from www.andovercca.org

#### POTENTIAL SAVINGS CALCULATOR







What if Andover were to adopt CCA?

- AndoverCCA.org tool by Anil
   Navkal et al.
- Click on Explore link
- Load your current usage (kWh)
   or click on one of six example
   (sample #6 is a small business
   customer example)
- Find out what your bill and annual savings would be under active
   CCA programs in neighboring communities

	CCA on your electric bill.	of renewable energy while reducing your electrici	ty costs. Use	the CCA Bill Estimator below to assess the potential
CCA Bill E	Sample Customer 4-bedroom house,			
Sample C	ustomers 1 2 3 4	5 6		
Start Mon	th Apr 18			4
Apr 18	1033		Nov 18	1055
May 18	974		Dec 18	1160
Jun 18	1254		Jan 19	1219
Jul 18	1128		Feb 19	1198
Aug 18	1445		Mar 19	1056
Sep 18	1461		Apr 19	1034
Oct 18	1206			

Sample Customer 3: 4-bedroom house, A/C Energy used: **14,190 kWh** from May 18 through Apr 19 Average annual savings offered by CCA options shown: **\$127** 

#### WHY CCA?



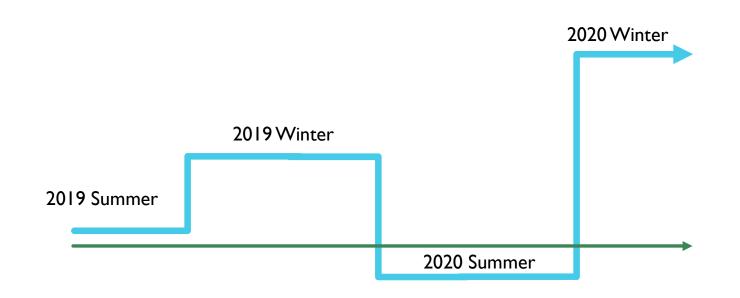
- Rate stability
- Local renewable energy investment
- Long term savings (but no guarantee)
- Consumer protections no termination fees, transparent fixed rates, and always an option to completely opt-out
- Consumer education and increased awareness of the competitive supply market



Choice of traditional natural gas and renewable energy (solar, wind) supplies

#### **RATE STABILITY**





Basic Service
Rates
Change
Every
6 months
(Higher in
Winter)

CCA Rates
Stable Over
12 to 36
Months
Contract
Term





CLIMATE IMPACT: Putting just 5% additional renewable energy on the Andover grid is equivalent to installing 500 rooftop solar units, or taking 440 passenger cars off the road!





#### **AUTHORIZATION AT TOWN MEETING**

#### **Article 28: Community Choice Aggregation Program**

To see if the Town will vote to grant the Select Board authority to initiate a municipal aggregation Program to aggregate the electrical load of interested residents and businesses within the Town independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retain the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation pursuant to M.G.L c. 164. Sec. 134; and to authorize the Select Board to (i) enter into one or more agreements with one or more consultants to assist the Town with the development, implementation, and administration of such aggregation program for a term of more than three years; and (ii) take any actions and execute any other documents and ancillary agreements necessary, convenient, or appropriate to accomplish the foregoing and to implement and administer the aggregation program and consultant agreements, which agreements and documents shall be on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

What Happens After Town Meeting?



#### DESIGN TEAM: DEFAULT RATE IMPACT

- Andover's Design Team will recommend the default "Default Green" rate and balance between:
  - Supporting more renewable energy
  - Keeping the default supply rate competitive with Basic Service rates
- Will also explore two other options
  - "Basic Green" (minimum required) renewable energy option
  - "Max Green" 100% renewable energy option
- Meetings will be done in collaboration with Good Energy and abide by the Open Meeting regulations to ensure transparency and engagement
- Select Board will then vote to approve rates





- Comprehensive public outreach campaign
- Eligible basic service accounts automatically enrolled unless opted-out; if not on basic service, you will be eligible to enroll separately once your current contract is completed
- You may leave the program at any time without early termination fees
- You will continue to receive one bill from National Grid
- You will continue to send payment to National Grid
- National Grid will continue to respond to emergencies and outages
- Your reliability and quality of service will stay the same
- Budget plans continue
- Low income discounts continue
- No impact or change to households with solar

#### ANDOVER COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION



Why bring Community Choice Aggregation to Andover?

Rate Stability

Utilities are restricted in how they procure Basic Supply Service which leads to pricing spikes, often in the winter. Aggregations typically contract for 1 to 3 years at a fixed rate providing predictability and stability for budgeting.

Local Renewable Program allows Andover to purchase energy with a higher renewable content than required. Local renewable energy leads to job creation as well as overall sustainability locally. Not all clean energy is created equal.

Potential Savings

Aggregation allows for securing competitive pricing through bulk purchasing to time the Town's bid to avoid bad markets and lock in good prices. Although not guaranteed, residents typically see savings over the life of the contract. Focus needs to be on long term savings.